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EXTRACT FROM CONTACT REPORT

CHRISTMANN, Richard

RECHENBERG, Hans J.

KARPOV, Vladimir Apolonovich (L/CE) ☐ w/CLAUSEN 13 Jan. 1966

7. CLAUSEN passed me CASTROP's memo Nr. 6/66 dated 12 January providing traces on a number of individuals with the last name KARPOV, which might conceivably be identical with the Soviet officer KARPOV involved in the von BONIN affair. CLAUSEN passed also his blue cover memo dated 12 January 1966, forwarding CATIDE trace results on WURSTERFELD, RECHENBERG and CHRISTMANN. In passing this material, CLAUSEN apologized for the time it had taken for CATIDE to come through with trace results on CHRISTMANN -- particularly traces with any degree of completeness. CLAUSEN is a very proper and most circumspect young man who in my opinion would normally be one of the last to speak unfavorably about a CATIDE colleague (much less a senior one). However, when I made a passing reference to the first "preliminary answer" on CHRISTMANN which STURM had left with CASTROP on 23 December 1965 for passage to me (after we had needled STURM by telex) CLAUSEN mustered the first show of anger I had observed since I've been dealing with him. He made it quite clear to me that he and his colleagues (CASTROP and Dr. HERDER) considered STURM's performance on this case slipshod, superficial and unprofessional. CLAUSEN said that [redacted] had in his recent meeting with CLAUSEN been somewhat "boese -- und mit Recht". CLAUSEN conceded that, particularly with CASTROP off on a Dienstreise, he had done considerable night work on the CHRISTMANN case since the tracing job entailed ploughing through a massive box of archived material, much of it worthless or trivial, which had been gathering dust in a file room in CASTROP's branch since 1959. CLAUSEN stated that he would try to provide the last information that would be forthcoming on CHRISTMANN in one last memo, hopefully to be ready for delivery to [redacted] or myself on 14 January. He stated that what he was passing on RECHENBERG and WURSTERFELD was as complete as he could expect to make it, although he would be pleased to search further if we felt that there are any points re RECHENBERG's career which in our view required elaboration. He added that he had done quite a job of consolidation to boil the mass of discursive material on CHRISTMANN into a readable summary, and in the process may have slighted some angle.

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